

## **Tom Horne**

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Date: August 1, 2007

Superintendent/Director **LEA** address City, AZ ZIP

**Subject: Cycle 6 Monitoring** 

## Dear Superintendent/Director:

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, effective January 8, 2002, requires that states carry out monitoring and evaluation activities to determine the effectiveness of educational programs that serve the needs of at-risk students and their teachers. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has developed a 6-year self-assessment monitoring process in which different requirements will be reviewed in each of the six years. The complete monitoring process includes reviewing policies and procedures, the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Consolidated Plans, applications for funds, completion reports, audit reports, needs assessments, professional development activities, highly qualified personnel requirements, school improvement requirements, innovative programs, and Title I provisions as well as some other state and federal programs.

This monitoring process is to ensure that all LEAs are complying with the requirements of NCLB. Each LEA is scheduled to move annually through the 6-year cycle; your LEA has been assigned to Cycle 6 for the 2007-2008 school year. This means that you will use the enclosed Cycle 6 self-assessment checklists to review the required components of your NCLB programs and Title I schools to ensure compliance with these requirements. Each item is listed separately so that you can indicate compliance or non-compliance. The completed Statement of Assurance and checklist forms along with the requested documentation are then returned to the ADE.

Even though the ADE has implemented an on-going review process, we will be looking at some items only once during the six year process. It is still your responsibility to review and revise, if necessary, your consolidated plan and programs at least annually.

The activities for Cycle 6 are as follows:

Services to Eligible Private School Children (charter schools exempt)

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Enclosed you will find the checklists for the programs mentioned above. Complete the checklists as indicated:

Directions for completing the checklists:

- 1. Review each item on the checklist.
- 2. Determine if each item is in compliance (I) or out of compliance (O).
- 3. If the item is present and in compliance, mark the item I.
- 4. If the item is missing or non-compliant, mark the item **O**.
- 5. For any items marked **O**, the LEA will complete the attached Cycle 6 Compliance Activities Worksheet to indicate how the LEA will bring the item(s) into compliance.
- 6. If the LEA needs technical assistance in a particular area, complete that section of the Cycle 6 Compliance Activities Worksheet.
- 7. Once all of the checklists if applicable have been completed, please sign the Statement of Assurance verifying that all requirements have been met.
- 8. Mail all the documentation requested, the Statement of Assurance, and the checklists to ADE by **December 1, 2007**.

Mail to:

Ms. Bobbie Orlando Arizona Department of Education 1535 W. Jefferson Ave Bin #32 Phoenix, AZ 85007

## \*NOTE

If your LEA decides to decline Title I funds this year or if your LEA was not eligible to receive Title I funds this year, it will not be necessary for you to conduct the self-assessment of your NCLB programs. Instead of returning the self-assessment cycle documentation, please complete the information on the attached memorandum and return it by **October 1, 2007 to:** 

Lois Kruse Arizona Department of Education 1535 W. Jefferson, Bin #41 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Thank you for your assistance in conducting the monitoring of your NCLB programs. If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact your assigned specialist.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Orlando

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CC: NCLB Coordinator

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